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OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon the instructions of my Government, I would like to clarify a recent matter that has been a source of confusion in the deliberations of the Security Council.

The 8 June 1994 and 12 July 1994 cease-fire agreement has expired without being renewed. In fact, our Government was not asked to renew this agreement because the cease-fire was perceived to be productive only to the extent that there was also simultaneous positive movement on the negotiating front.

The Republic and Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina accepted the Contact Group's peace plan. The Karadzic forces have rejected the plan, and have demanded terms and conditions that are totally inconsistent with the territorial, constitutional and human rights standards envisioned by the Contact Group's plan. The Karadzic forces, in fact, have effectively proposed the status quo as their basis for a political settlement and therefore would favour a freezing of the current situation.

The Government and the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina are undertaking measures entirely consistent with the terms and spirit of the Contact Group's peace plan. Any attempts to cite the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, explicitly or implicitly, as violating a cease-fire: (a) are factually incorrect because there is no longer a cease-fire agreement in place; (b) the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina is not involved in any offensive or provocative actions, nor can it be accused of such activities, when it acts to defend our civilians or the Republic's sovereignty and territorial integrity; (c) would favour the freezing of the current situation on the battlefield while there is no progress on the negotiating table; and (d) would seem at least unwittingly to support the Karadzic forces' terms for negotiations by favouring the status quo indefinitely and while negating the Contact Group's peace plan.

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina could not be blamed for interpreting any Security Council statements that are inconsistent with the Contact Group peace plan and associated course of action as being a rejection of that peace plan and consequent course of action. This would be

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especially tragic and indefensible since four members of the Contact Group are also permanent members of the Security Council.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
